

March 4, 2003

A regular meeting of the Redmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Rosemarie Ives at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Councilmembers present were: Cole, Dorning, McCormick, Misener, Paine, Plackett, and Robinson.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that she incorrectly told students at Redmond High School that a public hearing on signage would be held tonight. She said the hearing has been delayed until the March 18, 2003 Council meeting.

The Mayor announced an addition to the agenda - a staff report on the King County Water Reclamation Facility.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor acknowledged Jacqueline Cooke, a graduate student at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, in the audience tonight, who has been involved with the city doing research on connecting our teens with the business community.

#### INTRODUCTIONS

Fire Chief Ryan introduced Firefighters Jason Alexander, Aaron Fields and Jeff Siemers.

Assistant Police Chief Gainer introduced Police Officers Kelly McGillis, Michael Nhoksayakham and Nathan Sanger.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Dorning, second by Mr. Cole, to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda:

(1) approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2003

(2) approve the following payroll/direct deposit and claims checks:

##### PAYROLL/DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECKS:

#154233 through 154367; and  
#106757 through 107303    \$1,035,148.90

##### CLAIMS CHECKS:

#203042 through 203399    \$2,690,560.07

(3) authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute revised leases with the

Eastside Housing Association (EHA) for the redevelopment and operation of a transitional housing development on the former Coast Guard property on Avondale Road NE

(4) approve the 2003 ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) work program and administrative budget

(5) authorize the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Woodinville Water District for emergency water system interties at Trilogy at Redmond Ridge

Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

#### REPORTS

##### Staff Report - King County Water Reclamation Facility

Roberta Lewandowski, Planning and Community Development Director, in a memorandum to the Council dated March 4, 2003, updated the Council on the proposed King County Water Reclamation facility in the Sammamish Valley (King County water re-use facility).

James E. Haney, City Attorney, said, at the present time, permits for the water re-use facility are approvable by staff at an administrative level, but there could be an appeal of a staff determination that would come to the City Council. He explained since it is a staff decision, it is not subject to the appearance of fairness doctrine, so the Council can hear all the testimony. However, if the administrative decision is appealed to the Council, a Councilmember expressing pre-judgment on how he/she might rule might be precluded from participation later on, he concluded.

#### ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mike Eddy, Redmond Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee, 5733 158 Avenue NE, stated that bikes and pedestrians currently share a pathway on the west side of West Lake Sammamish Parkway, and it is very dangerous. He said city transportation staff are proposing a project on the east side of West Lake Sammamish Parkway to use four feet of right-of-way for a bike lane; there will be striping and road improvements for motorized vehicles, as well, and pedestrians and bicycles will have more room and better

access. He concluded all alternate modes of transportation should be encouraged, and this is a good way to do it.

Philip Patten, 8653 Fauntleroy Way, Seattle 98136, said King County Executive Ron Sims is attempting to deceive the Redmond City Council, current users of 60 Acres Park South, and the taxpayers with his proposal to have taxpayers build an expensive plant on county park land so a private golf course can get cheap water and avoid expensive lawsuits. He submitted written testimony to the Council.

The Mayor stated she had a conversation with Mr. Patten, and he indicated he would be supportive of a water re-use facility located at York Station.

Sherman Knight, 844 Ninth Avenue South, Kirkland, referred to his email to the Council with information on 60 Acres Park South. He said this area has a unique feature that other parks do not - there is nothing there for the model airplanes to hit. He added the important thing to the people who fly the planes is air space, and the enhancements being proposed by the county are things that the planes can hit. He explained that if the planes fly over any facilities, their insurance is not in effect, and if the water re-use facility is put there, that is what will happen.

Bill Henley, 1583 112 Shoreline 98155, President, Seattle Soaring Association, said the layout being proposed by the county would make 60 Acres Park South unusable for gliding. He opposed the location of the water re-use facility because that is the only place he and his sons can go to engage in this activity.

Paul Measel, 9510 NE Fifth Street, Bellevue 98004, asked the Council to support and maintain radio-controlled gliders at 60 Acres Park South. He said they have not found any other site that is amenable to the sport. He concluded the value of this hobby is high and can lead to interesting technical careers.

David Holmes, 2019 213 Avenue NE, Sammamish 98074, said the proposal is to build a small plant now, but there is the potential to build a larger facility later.

Doug Brusig, 4119 Woodlawn Avenue North, Seattle 98103, said the 60 Acres Park South property was purchased through Forward Thrust monies in the 1960s. He said he enjoys flying his glider on the weekends, but locating the sewage treatment plant at that location means the gliders cannot

fly there anymore. He added model airplanes have been there for over thirty years, and there are other sites available for the re-use facility. He concluded during the time the project was being developed the users were not told the truth about what was going to happen.

Loren Anstead, 1264 NE 69 Street, Seattle 98115, past president, Seattle Soaring Society and member of the board of directors, said the club is made up of families, and they hope to be able to keep the facility at its present location for the future.

Russell Young, 15051 NE 14 Street, Bellevue 98007, member of the board of directors, Seattle Soaring Society and Northwest Soaring Society, encouraged the Council to consider what can be done to keep the field for the gliders.

Dan Kirkdorffer, 18568 NE 57 Street, representing English Cove Condominiums, said they have been trying to present alternate traffic plans to the Washington State Department of Transportation to save significant trees and not impact the property lines, and their comments have not been well received. He continued the property owners are asking the City of Redmond to loosen the guidelines to lessen the impacts to English Cove. He concluded the WSDOT staff are not willing to consider the property owner's suggestions because the staff say they have to follow City of Redmond regulations.

Alfred Adler, 12625 102 Avenue NE, Kirkland 98034, stated he has been flying model aircraft since he was a child, and at 60 Acres Park South for the past thirty years. He said when he read the document responding to questions about the county's proposal, one of the questions was whether there was any activity on the field that would have a serious impact on the planned facility, and the response was that there had been a Determination of Non-Significance. He concluded the proposed plant is to be three stories high and the model airplane group will not be able to use the field.

Colin Truss, 15814 NE 133 Street, said he wrote to King County Executive Sims listing his concerns, and the letter he received back said the county needed revenue, and it did not answer any of his questions. He concluded it would not be possible for the flying club to use the property if the facility is built.

Jennifer Calvin, 16495 NE 74 Street, Property Management Associate for Redmond Town Center, read a statement on behalf of Rick Beason, Macerich Corporation, regarding the

positive effects of RedmondLights on Redmond retailers. The statement urged the Council to not make any dramatic physical changes to the event.

Greg Avery, 14816 NE 64 Street, Desert Fire Restaurant, said the restaurant and Larry's Market worked together to organize the food booths, and encouraged the Council to support the RedmondLights event.

Bertha Eades, 16109 NE 57 Street, speaking about bike lanes on West Lake Sammamish Parkway, said property taxes from all citizens are paying for the road improvements. She concluded the road needs to be safe for all users, and it is not safe at the present time with the combined bike and pedestrian lanes on the west side of the road.

Bob Brewer, 6924 39 Avenue SW, Seattle 98136, past president, Seattle Soaring Society, spoke in support of the city's resistance to putting a water re-use plant at 60 Acres Park South. He stated that he originally voted for the Forward Thrust bond issue, thinking he was putting land in trust for his grandchildren, and he has watched a golf course and a turf farm go in there; now a county agency wants to put light industry on park land.

William Kuhlman, P.O. Box 975, Olalla 98359, said he uses 60 Acres Park South to fly his model airplane. He encouraged the Council to vote against the proposal for a water re-use plant there.

Martin Nizlek, 312 West Lake Sammamish Parkway NE, President, West Lake Sammamish Association, and a traffic systems engineer and planner, said last year he submitted a petition appealing to the Council not to make plans for the roadway that are unsafe. He noted that a year ago the residents were told it would be a maintenance project, but it has transitioned to widening the road to put in a bike lane. He stated that widening the road will engender higher speeds. He added that staff indicated that it was still in the design stages. He encouraged the Council to listen to the comments from the residents who attended the meeting at Audubon Elementary School.

Paul Best, 3414 West Lake Sammamish Parkway NE, regarding the West Lake Sammamish Parkway project, said an appropriate study would have asked if the design could go the length of the road, or where could it be practically built. He noted bikers want the bike lane extended to Bellevue, but the driveways approach the road at steep angles, and nothing that is being proposed corrects that situation. He added

with the current plan safety will be compromised; there will be an increased number of conflicts with mixing pedestrians and bicyclists. He concluded the level of bicycle and pedestrian use does not warrant the expenditure of tax dollars, there needs to be consideration of alternative designs, and the residents should have a say in how their frontage is improved.

David Hutchinson, 3406 West Lake Sammamish Parkway NE, said there are four ten-foot-wide lanes on West Lake Sammamish Parkway, and a five-foot bike lane on each side and five-foot walkway is being proposed on either side. He added the Council is promoting a major thoroughfare, but the parkway is residential in nature because of the driveways. He wondered why traffic calming had not been considered as part of the project. He concluded the proposed project will reduce property values for the accommodation of a few cyclists who are already being accommodated on the west side of the road.

Gary Heitlaut, 3416 West Lake Sammamish Parkway NE, expressed opposition to the West Lake Sammamish Parkway improvement project because of environmental impacts, sound abatement, funding implications, parking, drainage, safety and increased traffic. He said the maintenance project was an excuse; no other options have been proposed other than the one design. He urged the Council to listen to the residents instead of the drivers who pass through.

Adam Westin, 8823 15 Avenue SW, Seattle 98106, gave his time to Sherman Knight.

The Council agreed to give Mr. Knight ten minutes to answer questions from the Council about water re-use facility proposal.

David Rhoden, 14226 NE 62 Street, said in January 2003 he contacted the city regarding the route of the Derby Days Parade and was told it would be moved to the Municipal Campus this year. He noted that the path of the parade would impact church weddings and urged the Council to select the path used in past years.

The Mayor indicated that staff would provide a report after the recess.

Sandra Pugh, 1119 SW 333 Street, Federal Way 98023, representing the Seattle Soaring Society, said she is involved in soaring. She said she would ruin her airplane if the re-use facility were built at 60 Acres Park South.

Ruth Norwood, 14201 93 Avenue, Bothell 98011, a business owner in Redmond, and Co-Chair of the Derby Days Kids' Parade, asked the Council to approve the committee's recommendations for Derby Days this year.

Roger Byron, 18215 108 Avenue NE, Bothell 98011, Seattle Soaring Society, said the organization was misled by the county, and cautioned the city to take any information from the county with a grain of salt. He concluded if one-third of the field is required for the water re-use facility, the society members would not be able to put out the launching equipment to get the planes in the air.

#### RECESS

The Mayor declared a recess at 9:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

Tom Jones, Redmond Governance Committee member, said he wanted to remind the public of the election on March 11, 2003, regarding Redmond government. He noted he supports changing the form of governance. He added the current mayor and former mayors have done a good job, but the governance committee recommended changing to a city manager form, and he urged citizens to vote yes on Proposition No. 1. He concluded by asking if the Redmond Governance Committee deliberations would be re-broadcast?

The Mayor said the tapes can be re-broadcast.

Peter Discoe, 2925 181 Avenue NE, spoke in favor of the road project on West Lake Sammamish Parkway. He said he is a cyclist, and Redmond is a great place to pursue the sport. His main concern is that he uses West Lake Sammamish Parkway every day, and believes that the road project needs to be done for the safety of all Redmond citizens. He pointed out that the cyclists are only talking about a bike lane north from 180 Avenue NE, the main insertion point from the surrounding neighborhoods onto West Lake Sammamish Parkway. He noted the area is relatively flat; the steep driveways are only in the small area from 180 Avenue NE to NE 24 Street, and there are numerous trailers and vehicles parked along the road there.

Tony East, 18210 NE 28 Street, voiced support for the West Lake Sammamish Parkway improvement project. He said it is important to have a bicycle lane on either side of the road.

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Charlie McCarthy, 17639 NE 34 Court, agreed with earlier speakers about not putting a water re-use facility at 60 Acres Park South.

Regarding West Lake Sammamish Parkway, Mr. McCarthy urged staff to keep the project on time.

With respect to the governance issue, Mr. McCarthy said he did not want a government run by special interest groups. He thought the system in place was a good one, and there was a system of checks and balances. He was concerned that every two years the Council would have a chance to change the city manager, which would entail a new search process as well as a severance package and moving expenses. He said he would like a strong mayor to represent the city to other jurisdictions.

Megan White, 2623 186 Avenue NE, agreed with the cyclists that West Lake Sammamish Parkway is a dangerous road. She supported a raised sidewalk on one side to increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS FOR THE BECHTEL RESIDENCE, OSA  
03-001

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the Council dated March 4, 2003, recommended that the city provide water service to Matthew and Tammie Bechtel.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. McCormick, to authorize water service outside the city limits to Matthew and Tammie Bechtel at 12911 - 139 Avenue NE, Kirkland, subject to the owner executing a Utility Extension Agreement with the city as required by Chapter 13.36 of the Redmond Municipal Code, which outlines the conditions for extension of service; and authorize the Mayor to sign a Utility Extension Agreement for this service in a form approved by the City Attorney in accordance with Chapter 13.36 of the Redmond Municipal Code. Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

AMENDMENT AND ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
REDMOND, KING COUNTY, AND NORTHWEST CENTER

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the Council dated March 4, 2003, recommended approval of the proposed agreements



necessary to transfer operation of the Hartman Pool to the Northwest Center.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. Dorning, to approve the following agreements for operation of the Hartman Pool, and authorize the Mayor to execute the agreements:

- Amendment and Assignment of Lease Agreement between the City of Redmond, King County, and Northwest Center
- Agreement between the City of Redmond and Northwest Center concerning the operation of the Hartman Pool
- Mutual termination of Pool Operating Agreement between King County and the City of Redmond.

Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

#### PROPOSED KING COUNTY WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

The Council requested the following information from staff on the proposed water re-use facility: a chronology of how the site was selected, how the facility design evolved, what other sites were considered, and a status report following the city's meeting with King County staff.

#### REPORTS

##### Staff Report - Special Events

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the City Council dated March 4, 2003, provided a status report on special events, including options for the Derby Days parade route.

Tom Trueblood, Recreation Division Manager, asked for direction on the location of the Derby Days festival and parade route, and a funding decision on the Fourth of July Fireworks event. He noted that many community members support the parade route as originally proposed, instead of on Redmond Way, and moving the festival, just this year, to the Municipal Campus, since the community center site will not be available.

Councilmembers were concerned that the residents would be confused about where the events are going to be held. Mr. Trueblood confirmed that the location change would be just for one year.

Councilmember Misenar asked when the construction work near the community center would start? Mr. Trueblood replied the street work would be spread out over two years; work around

the community center will start the first week in June, with completion the first week in September. He explained that if the construction work was postponed for Derby Days, it would result in a six-week delay in starting the project, and there would be an impact on the school for three weeks. He clarified that the route of the Children's Parade would not change.

Commander Billington stated that Option 1 as outlined in the staff report would require additional traffic safety officers and cost approximately \$1,500 more due to the routing of the parade on a portion of Redmond Way.

After some discussion, a majority of the Council supported Option 1.

Regarding the Fourth of July Fireworks at Marymoor Park, Mr. Hopkins said the county charges the city \$5 a car, and staff is proposing not to pass that cost on to the attendees.

Councilmember Cole proposed, for the Council's deliberation, adding another \$5,000 to the pyrotechnics' budget.

Councilmember Dorning suggested increasing the budget for the fireworks event from \$97,800 to \$100,000, with the additional funds allocated to the pyrotechnical display. A majority of the Council concurred with this suggestion.

#### OMBUDSMAN REPORT

Councilmember Robinson was contacted about a drainage issue on NE 116 Street. He said staff is working on it.

Councilmember Robinson received a call regarding the status of West Lake Sammamish Parkway Phase 2 project. He said David Rhodes, Director of Public Works, would send the individual an email update.

Councilmember Robinson was contacted by English Cove residents regarding the state's project to widen State Route 202.

Councilmember Robinson also noted that the Council had received several emails regarding King County's proposed water re-use facility in the Sammamish Valley.

Councilmember Cole reported on the meeting at Audubon Elementary regarding the West Lake Sammamish Parkway improvements project. The Council requested information on the project from staff.

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RESOLUTION - CALLING FOR ELECTION, COGAN ANNEXATION, ANN 02-002

The Mayor, in a memorandum to the Council dated March 4, 2003, recommended that the Council call for an election regarding the Cogan annexation.

Motion by Ms. Dorning, second by Mr. Robinson, to approve Resolution No. 1168, calling for an election to be held for annexation of an area known as the Cogan Annexation.

Resolution No. 1168, calling for an election on the question of annexing 33.69 acres of land located south of NE 124 Street, north of the existing city boundary, east of the current city boundary and west of 172 Avenue NE, commonly known as the Cogan Annexation; providing for the submission of a proposition to the voters of said annexation area requiring the property to be assessed and taxed at the same rate and on the same basis as other property within the city upon annexation, was presented and read.

Upon a poll of the Council, Cole, Dorning, McCormick, Misenar, Paine, Plackett, and Robinson voted aye. Motion carried unanimously (7 - 0).

MOTION TO CONTINUE MEETING AFTER 11:00 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Cole, second by Ms. McCormick, to continue the meeting past 11:00 p.m. Motion carried (6 - 1) with Dorning voting nay.

PROPOSED KING COUNTY WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

The Council had a brief discussion and requested additional information on this project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

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CITY CLERK